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SMART CITY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF LED LIGHT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

NEW BRITAIN— Mayor Erin Stewart announced today that the SMART City Committee has completed one of their signature projects. The project, which converted fluorescent light fixtures to LED light fixtures throughout City properties, is designed to save energy, help the environment, and protect taxpayer dollars.

The SMART City Committee was launched in early 2016 with the goal of creating energy savings for the City, implementing innovative projects, and reducing the City's impact on the environment. The committee, which was originally named the Energy and Innovation Committee, was renamed the SMART City Committee in January 2019.

"New Britain continues to be a leader among cities and towns in terms of innovation. We are making a conscious effort to reduce our overall impact on the environment, while protecting the monies of hardworking taxpayers – the best of both worlds," said Mayor Stewart. "Our SMART City Committee will continue to keep an eye towards the future and will continue to transform our community."

The latest completed project oversaw the replacement of 539 fluorescent bulbs in Blogoslawski Garage on Franklin Square, with new LED fixtures with motion sensors. The project is estimated to save 264,956 kWh a savings or approximately \$35,000/year. Szczesny Garage, in between Bank Street and Chestnut Street, will have 805 fluorescent lamps replaced with new LED fixtures with motion sensors by the end of May. The project is estimated to save 340,560 kWh a savings or approximately \$50,000/year.

"There is a lot of money out there with the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) and the Connecticut Green Bank that helps the City mitigate costs on these projects. The people of New Britain (and all of Connecticut) are paying for these funds on their utility bills. It is up to us to make sure that we utilize these funds to help the City save money and to improve our environment," stated the City's Facility & Energy Manager and SMART City Committee member, Jon Delgadillo. "The two garage projects alone contributed to over \$150,000 in incentives through CEEF."

Additionally, many other City Buildings have been converted to LED within the last year including Veterans Stadium, Beehive Stadium, PAL building, AW Stanley Pool Building, City Yard, Fairview Cemetery and various Park Maintenance Buildings throughout the City, resulting in thousands of additional dollars in taxpayer savings yearly.

In the coming weeks, the 2020 revised plan of the SMART City Committee will be released and made available to the public.

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